

Listing of claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A purified and isolated *Vezfl* gene having the nucleic acid sequence set forth in FIGURE 1 (SEQ ID NO:1).
2. (Original) The *Vezfl* gene of claim 1, as contained in a vector molecule.
3. (Original) A purified and isolated nucleic acid encoding a *Vezfl* protein, wherein the *Vezfl* protein has an amino acid sequence as set forth in FIGURE 1 (SEQ ID NO:2).
4. (Original) The nucleic acid of claim 3, contained in an expression vector and operably linked to a promoter element.
5. (Original) The nucleic acid of claim 4, wherein the promoter element is not the *Vezfl* promoter.
6. (Original) An expression vector containing the DB1 gene operably linked to a heterologous promoter element, wherein the promoter element is selectively active in vascular endothelial cells.
- 7-25. (Cancelled)